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In re application of:

Steven Michael Schein

Serial No: 09/605,695

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For: INTELLIGENT MEDIA TARGETING
SYSTEM AND METHOD

Confirmation No.: 6334

Art Unit: 3622

Examiner: Arthur Duran

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Notice of Appeal in reply to the Final Office Action dated January 9, 2006 in the above-identified application.

- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☒ Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of time to respond to the above office action.
- ☒ A Form PTO/SB/33 and Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review are enclosed.
- ☒ A total fee in the amount of \$1,520 to cover the \$1,020 three-month extension of time fee and \$500 Notice of Appeal fee is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1068.
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- ☒ Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims
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PRE-APPEAL BRIEF REQUEST FOR REVIEW

In reply to the Final Rejection dated January 9, 2006, Applicant submits the following remarks for consideration by the Members of the pre-appeal brief conference.

I. Brief Background

The application includes eight independent claims generally drawn to an intelligent media targeting system and method, of which two have been withdrawn. Independent claims 1, 9, 17, 22, 27, and 29 stand rejected. In response to a third non-final Office Action mailed June 9, 2005, Applicant submitted a Reply dated December 7, 2005 (the "Reply") traversing the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). The Examiner mailed a Final Office Action on January 9, 2006 withdrawing claims 25, 26, and 32-37 while maintaining the rejections over the remaining claims.

II. Clear Errors or Omissions

(1) The Examiner's rejection of claims 1-7, 9-15, 17-20, 22, 23, and 25-37 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,892,900 to Ginter et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,848,396 to Gerace is erroneous because:

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(a) attempting to modify the Ginter system of rights management to additionally function to target audiences based on behavioral profiles according to the Gerace system would require undue experimentation (see Reply, page 4, paragraphs 1 and 2);

(b) Ginter and Gerace do not disclose a system for targeting media to a user based on user interaction with a media object where a mediator provides to "at least one user at least a second media object based upon said user activity information correlated with at least said first media object" as recited in independent claim 1 (see Reply, paragraph bridging pages 2 and 3);

(c) Ginter and Gerace do not disclose a system for targeting media to a user based on user interaction with a media object where the system includes "a coding system for assigning user activity information" to "at least one of said stored media objects to create a profile for said at least one of said stored media objects" and "a mediator for selecting at least one of said stored media objects having a media object profile matching at least one characteristic of said profile of said user requested media object" as recited in independent claim 9 (see Reply, page 3, paragraph 1);

(d) Ginter and Gerace do not disclose a method for targeting media to a user based on user interaction with a media object that includes the steps of "matching at least one characteristic of said media object profile of said user requested media object with said media object profile of at least a second media object" and "delivering said user requested media object with at least said second media object having an object profile matching at least one characteristic of said media object profile of said user requested media object" as recited in independent claim 17 (see Reply, page 3, paragraph 2);

(e) Ginter and Gerace do not disclose a method for targeting media to a user based on user interaction with a media object that includes the steps of combining a "media object profile with said at least one user requested media object to create a smart media object" and "selecting at least one smart media object having a media object profile matching at least one characteristic of said media object profile of said user requested media object and delivering said user requested media object with said

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at least one selected smart media object" as recited in independent claim 27 (see Reply, page 3, paragraph 4); and

(f) Ginter and Gerace do not disclose all of the elements of independent claims 22 and 29 (see Reply, paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4).

(2) The Examiner's rejection of claims 1-7, 9-15, 17-20, 22, 23, and 25-37 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Ginter in view of Gerace contains an omission because it does not state how each and every element of each claim is either disclosed or rendered obvious by the combination. (See Reply, page 2, paragraph 2).

(3) The Examiner's inclusion, in the rejection of the claims, of language relating to the "hidden search engine" of claim 32 is erroneous because this claim was withdrawn by the Examiner in the Final Office Action. (See Final Office Action, page 3, paragraph 2, and page 20, paragraph 3).

(4) The Examiner's remarks under the "Response to Arguments" section contains at least the following errors:

(a) Applicant did not make any argument concerning "improper hindsight reasoning" in the Reply (see Final Office Action, page 21, paragraph 3); and

(b) Applicant did not make any argument concerning "non-analogous art" in the Reply (see Final Office Action, page 21, paragraph 4).

(5) The Examiner's remarks under the "Response to Arguments" section that "[h]owever, Gerace discloses these features" contains an omission because it is not stated what "features" are being referred to by the Examiner. (See Final Office Action, page 24, paragraph 2).

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are patentable. Therefore, it is requested that the Members of the Pre-Appeal Brief Conference reconsider the outstanding rejections in view of the preceding comments. Issuance of a timely Notice of Allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited.

To the extent any extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is required to obtain entry of this reply, such extension is hereby respectfully requested. If there are any


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fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 which are not enclosed herewith, including any fees required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1068.

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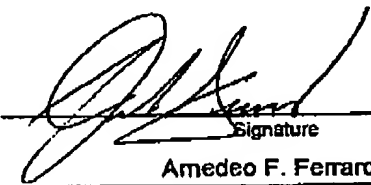
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